

Strictly Confidential



BALLABROOIE,
HIGH GROUND,
BANGALORE.

12^E April 1918.

May it please Your Highness,

I beg to acknowledge Your Highness' gracious letter of the 10^E inst. I have noted Your Highness' instructions about the further war contribution.

I have also noted with pleasure Your Highness' gratification at the retransfer of the railways which will give us a sufficient length of Railway system (about 350 miles) for training our people & for economic management.

When I last waited on Your Highness in Bangalore, I reported to the difficulties I am experiencing in the administration. I have been seeking some relief from routine work in order that I may find time for important work. Even working 10 hours a day (Today though a holiday I have put in 8 hours of hours within the walls of my room in the Dubbi Office) I am not able to do to my satisfaction all the work that is demanded of me.

The work is extending in all directions. Work must not...

and from in every progressive administration. As to the growth
of work additional staff is necessary. Your Highness knows
rapid development but I do not get the staff & cooperation
needed for the work of the country. Some matters for lack of
attention reach a state of paralysis at times. The result has
been that I lose sleep and my health is breaking down.

I will not be able to stand the strain much longer.

Before he left Bangalore, I mentioned this aspect of the
question to Mr. Mirza.

I regret that Your Highness will be provisionally
pleased to grant me six months leave from 1st Aug. next
by which time Mr. Banerji will have returned from his two
months leave. It will enable me to go to Bombay & perhaps
also to Kashmir or Baroda to recruit my health.

Lately, Your Highness has not been accepting
my opinions or advice and, for some reason or other, I have
forfeited the sympathy and support which Your Highness
intended to me in such abundance in the past time. I

years of my service. If your Highness feels that there
are permanent differences of opinion which make my continuation
in office in the least degree undesirable, I have no wish
to come back to duty after this leave.

Your Highness may be pleased to favour me
with final instructions either direct or through the Ministry at
Your Highness's convenience.

I have no complaint to make about your
Highness's personal treatment which has been uniformly gracious
& kind and which has been a great relief in the midst of
my difficulties in the administration - I have not been able
to convey your Highness of the true character & magnitude
of my difficulties -

With profound respect, I ever am,

Yours Highness' devoted & humble servant,

M. Viscontessa.